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STAFF EVIDENCE ANALYSIS

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Interrogation - statement
of Hstuf. Dr. FRIEDRICH
HORST SCHLEGEL, re Soldau
signed by himself..

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PERSONS? FIRMS OR ORGANIZATIONS:

Hstuf. SCHLEGEL
Hstuf. KRAUSE
Brigf. RASCH
Gruf. REDIES
GRUF. SPORRENBURG
Ob.Insp. MUEHLEN

TO BE FILED UNDER THESE REFERENCE
HEADINGS:

NO - as above
NO - RSHA
NO - Atrocities against
Civilians
NO - ATROCITIES against
Prisoners of War

SUMMARY (Indicate page nos.)

In a 12-page statement, Hstuf. SCHLEGEL personal aid of Inspekteur of SIPO and SD Koenigsberg says that the shooting of prisoners in the Soldau camp was ordered by Brigf. Rasch. Talks between Rasch and Hstuf. Krause went on, Schlegel says in his presence. Decisions as to who was to be shot were taken by the Inspekteur after hearing Krauses report on every case. In his chief's absence, Schlegel adds, he gave Krause orders whom to shoot. Schlegel emphasizes that everything was done in agreement with and by order of Heydrich. As to the question of the shooting of a Polish officer, Schlegel says he has had no knowledge of this case. If the officer was brought in by a task force he had to be shoot anyhow, according to Heydrich's directive, Schlegel adds. In case he was handed over by a Stapo office he could have been shoot with special permission. "It is possible", Schlegel admits, "that in the absence of the Brigfuehrer I made such a decision. I cannot remeber the details."

The Polish Consul Saluwicki, Schlegel asserts, has not been shot but died a "natural death", after he had fallen seriously ill suddenly.

Mentally defective prisoners who had been sent to the camp by special order were liquidated under the supervision of Ogruf. Redies. About 600 prisoners died or were liquidated in the camp, the mental cases not included.

The camp was frequently inspected by Brigf. Rasch, Gruf. Redies, Gruf. Sporrenberg and Oberinspecteur Muehlen of the Koenigsberg Stapo District Office.

Schlegel himself was responsible for that part of the camp where "re-settlers" were housed, and points out that later Poles who refused to work were brought to the camp on his suggestion.

The statement is signed by Schlegel.

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